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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q80862

Taichi KOBAYASHI, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/817,002

Group Art Unit: 1712

Confirmation No.: 2744

Examiner: Timothy J. Kugel

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND
ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Restriction and Election of Species Requirement, dated February 18, 2005, Applicant elects Group I, which includes Claims 1-10 and 26-31 for examination. This election is made without traverse.

The Examiner has required that Applicant elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted. In response thereto, Applicants elect the species of the diimmonium compounds of Claim 3.

Applicant submits that if any of the elected claims are found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same application.

Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected Claims 11-25.

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